



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date: December 29, 2005

In re the Application of

Hidekazu KOJIMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2613

Application No.: 09/423,461

Examiner: S. AN

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Docket No.: 104651

For: OPTICAL FIBER FUSION-SPLICER (AS AMENDED)

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 2, 2005, an extension of time for a period of 2 months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 174671 in the amount of \$450 in payment for:

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